

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of September 14, 2004.

The Examiner's Office Action has been reviewed. Note is taken that a typographical error existed at Page 2, Line 18, regarding an identified piece of prior art. Amendment is submitted herewith for Page 2, Line 18, to correct a typographical error showing an incorrect Patent Number as "5,195,777" corrected to "4,195,777".

The Examiner has noted the drawings show reference numeral "31" but it is not mentioned in the specification. This error is overcome by the amendment to Page 9, Line 3, wherein the holster is now properly identified as reference numeral "29" and reference numeral "31" now identifies the knife.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings "under 35 U.S.C. 1.83(a)" due to the phrase "to collapse" as appears in the claim and its relationship to the drawings. This error is deemed overcome by the elimination of the word "collapsible" from Claim 1, at Page 12, Line 1 and from Claim 3, Line 2.

The Examiner has then rejected Claims 2 and 3 "under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ramsey, US Patent 6,560,791" and has rejected Claims 2 and 4 "under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Helm, US Patent 5,641,170." The Examiner has then rejected Claims 2 and 6 "under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

as being anticipated by Miller, US Patent 5,203,815." These rejections are traversed in light of the amendments submitted herewith. Note the amendments to independent Claim 2 wherein following "wheels" on Line 1 "with an axis" has been added and following "handle" on line 3 "parallel with and positioned above the axis of the wheels when in the resting orientation" has been added. Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form as suggested by the Examiner.

One of the significant aspects of the present invention not found in the prior art is the orientation of the handle with respect to the wheels and the load to be transported. The prior art discloses various techniques for arrangement of the handle with regard to the remainder of the system but fails to recognize the need for stability in the system during resting as well as during transportation. To this end, the handle of the present invention is located above the axis of the wheel and parallel therewith. The arrangement of these components is neither disclosed nor suggested in the prior art whether taken alone or in combination. A careful review of applicant's invention and the claims as presently amended reveals that applicant's invention is new, not being disclosed anywhere within the prior art. Applicant's invention is clearly useful as a significant step forward in the art of equipment transportation systems and it is urged that applicant's invention is unobvious over the

prior art whether taken alone or in any possible combination.

Review and reconsideration is requested.